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Coffee County votes in 2024 Primary Election

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County voters cast their ballots Tuesday, March 5, in the 2024 Republican and Democratic Primary Elections. There also was one Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in this election.

Local county races of interest included the county-wide race for Coffee County Circuit Clerk, the Coffee County Commission spots for Districts One, Two, and Four, and the Coffee County School Board Member spot for District Three.

There were no local county races on the Democratic Primary ballot for Coffee County on Tuesday.

On the Republican ballot, incumbent Amy Reeves was challenged by Amy Marshall for Coffee County Circuit Clerk. With the unofficial results tallied, Reeves edged Marshall to gain the Republican nomination on Tuesday. Reeves received 4,896 votes to 3,323 for Marshall.

As for Coffee County Commission, District One, the unofficial numbers showed that incumbent Dean Smith lost the Republican nomination to his challenger

Clint Grantham. Grantham received 838 votes to 668 votes for Smith.

For Coffee County Commission, District Two, incumbent Kim Ellis defeated challenger Todd Clark, according to the unofficial results. Ellis received 469 votes while Clark received 425 votes.

For Coffee County Commission, District Four, there were three newcomers on the ballot. Joey Powell received just over 51 per-

cent of the vote with 773 votes while Glenn Hussey received 452 votes, and Kevin Kelley received 282 votes.

For Coffee County School Board, District Three, member, incumbent Galen McWaters received the nod with 898 votes while his challenger Brandy Woodham received 525 votes, according to the unofficial results.

Election results will be certified next week.



A voter prepares to mark her ballot Tuesday afternoon, March 5, in the Primary Election at the Elba Church of Christ voting precinct in Coffee County's District One.

Charged with stealing almost \$9,000 from state coroners association

Elba man ordered to enter Deferred Prosecution Program

A local man accused of stealing funds from the Alabama Coroners Association pled guilty last week in a Coffee County District Court under a plea agreement.

Philip Brian Box of Elba was accused by the State of Alabama of theft of property, first degree. It was alleged that between April 2022 and September 2023 as an employee of the Alabama Coroners Association, he stole monies belonging to the association. Box was employed as executive director at that time.

Court records indicated that Box had signatory authority on the bank account and used his position to "obtain or exert unauthorized control over at least \$8,911.07 in funds belonging to the Alabama Coroners Association."

The records further indi-

cated that Box accomplished this through multiple means including writing an unauthorized check to himself, making an unauthorized cash withdrawal from an ATM machine, and using the debit card associated with the account to pay for personal expenses.

The Alabama Attorney General's office prosecuted the case, and noted in court last week that Box had since repaid the \$8,911.07.

Box entered a plea of guilty to the theft charge with an agreement that he would enter the Pre Trial Diversion "deferred prosecution" Program. Under the agreement, an adjudication of guilt is withheld, pending Box's entry and successful completion of the Pre Trial Diversion Program.

Upon successful completion of the program, the State or Defendant shall petition the court for an

Order of Nolle Prosequi.

The court ordered the deferred prosecution program be under the direct supervision and control of the District Attorney for a period of two years. Upon successful completion of the program Box would be discharged from the program subject to no criminal liability for the charges made.

Elba Police arrest two on drug charges late Saturday afternoon, March 2nd

Two people were arrested by Elba Police over the weekend on possession of controlled substance charges.

Just after 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2, Bobby Crawley, age 48, and Alicia Nichon Bottorff, age 31, both were booked into the Coffee County Jail on various charges to include the possession of a controlled substance.

Crawley was charged with one count of possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond], and misdemeanor failure to appear [\$500 cash bond].

Bottorff was charged with possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond].

Both suspects remained in the county jail as of press time this week, according to jail records.

In another case, Elba Police made a felony theft of property - first degree arrest Monday evening, March 4th.

According to jail records, Shelby Leigh Mote, age 33, was booked into the Coffee County Jail shortly after 6 p.m. Monday night. Her bond was set at \$30,000 on the theft charge. Mote was released just after 8 p.m. Monday night after posting bond.



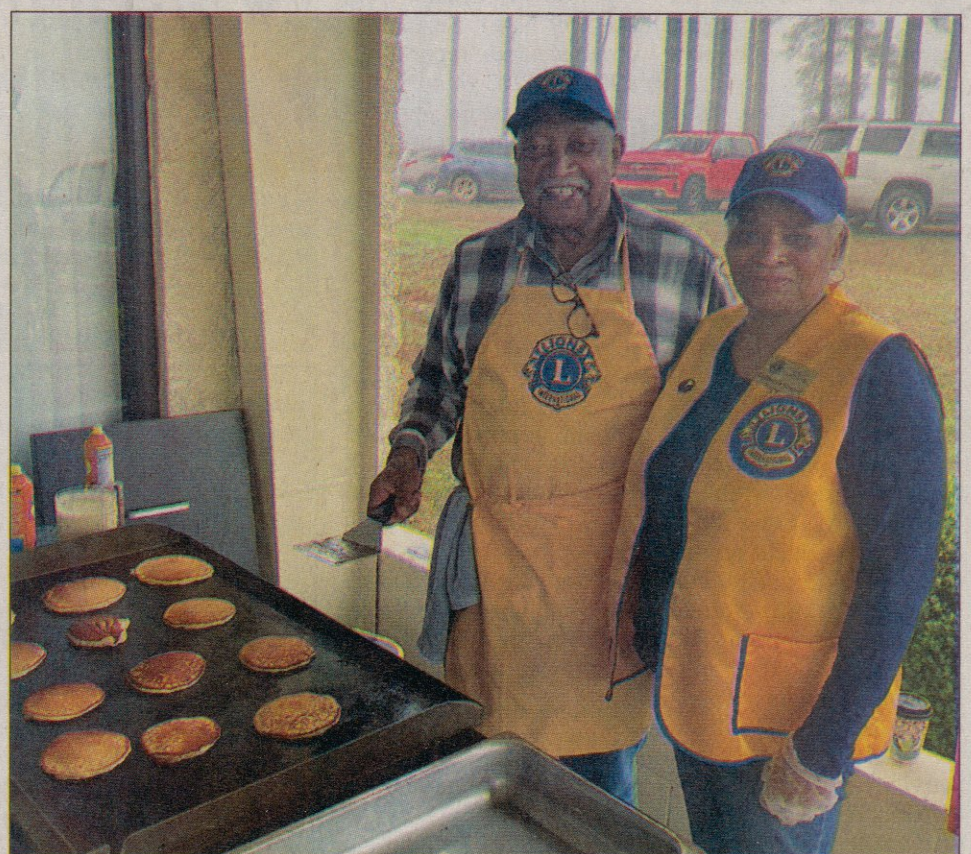
Crawley



Bottorff



Mote



Elba Lions Club members L C Cook and Cal Donnia Howard are shown here preparing pancakes last Saturday morning, March 2, at the National Security Conference Center for the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Mr. Cook has been flipping pancakes for the Lions Club for many years, and he is always a familiar face at the event.

Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast provides food and fellowship to community

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As the first Saturday in March rolls around each year, one thing is for certain in the City of Elba...the members of the Elba Lions Club will be serving breakfast! It's a club tradition, a family tradition, and a city tradition.

For more than 70 years now, the Elba Lions Club has relied on its annual Pancake Day breakfast to help raise funds for the organizations service projects and more. This year was no different as the pancakes and sausage were cooked fresh Saturday, March 2, from 6-10 a.m.

at the National Security Conference Center in Elba.

During the four-hour timespan families and friends gathered around the tables to enjoy their syrup covered cakes and catch up on things. All across the building, there were plenty of smiles to be found as the food and fellowship were both delightful, according to all asked.

Elba Lions Club member Galen McWaters said last Saturday's turnout seemed to be as good, if not better, than most. He said there was a steady line of folks coming in to be fed throughout the morning.

According to Lions Club bylaws, any monies gained through fundraising activities, like the Pancake Breakfast, must support projects to help people and organizations serving them. The Elba Lions Club supports the following service organizations:

- Local Sight Projects - eye exams and glasses [local residents needing assistance can pick up an application form at Kenneth Calhoun's State Farm office on the square in Elba]. Used

eyeglass receptacles are available around Elba - all used eyeglasses placed in the receptacles are donated to UAB.

- Alabama Lions Sight Conservation - an organization to assist persons needed eye care, from exams to surgery. In its 76-year history, the ALSC has assisted over 300,000 Alabamians.

- Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) - an international humanitarian foundation focusing on four major areas - preserving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief, and meeting humanitarian needs. In the past six months alone, LCIF has donated over \$3 million in disaster relief and over \$6 million in eye care grants.

- Camp Seale Harris - a camp in northern Alabama for children with diabetes.

- Southeast Leader Dog School - a school for the training of leader dogs for the blind.

- American Diabetes Association - an organization to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.



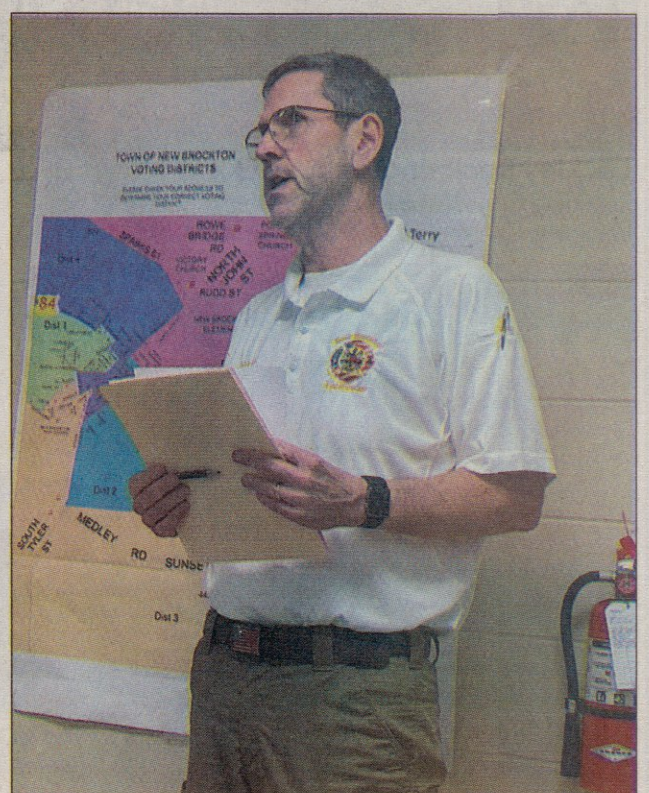
The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Eggs 'n Issues Legislative Breakfast last Friday morning, March 1, from the social hall of First Baptist Church Elba. Alabama Senator Josh Carnley and State Representative Rhett Marques provided updates from the current Legislative Session, and local political candidates spoke briefly to those in attendance ahead of this week's Primary Election. The newly crowned Elba Queens also attended the event including (front) Little Miss Farris Mauldin, Petite Miss Ella Pugh, and Future Little Miss Ava Astemborski; and (back) Miss Elba Alyssa McFarland, Junior Miss Taylor Day, and Young Miss Piper Astemborski.

Area Happenings

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, March 7, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, March 14, at the Coffee County Extension Office, 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., beginning at 9 a.m. Meeting is limited on the number of people that can be in the room; therefore, if planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3 ahead of time.

The Elba City Council will hold a work session Monday, March 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall. The regularly scheduled council meeting will follow at 5:30 p.m. Both are open to the public.



New Brockton Fire Chief Arnold Woodham is shown provided an operations update during the New Brockton Town Council meeting held Monday night, March 4, in New Brockton. The meeting was more of an information session due to the council not being able to take any votes because of the lack of a quorum. Mayor Chuck Shieffer indicated he would like to see the town and fire department work more closely with one another, and Chief Woodham shared those sentiments. The mayor and council thanked the fire department in all it does to help protect the town.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, through Monday, March 4, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Feb. 27 – Suspicious person reported on Smith Ave (2:53 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on the Troy Hwy (9:27 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 125 (4:02 p.m.); Assault reported at 605 Kendrick St (10:54 p.m.). Nineteen traffic stops resulted in eight citations, six verbal warnings, and five written warnings.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 715 Troy Hwy (12:48 a.m.); Identity theft reported at 103 Adkinson Ave (4:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 612 Adams Ave (7:20 p.m.); Grass fire reported at 720 E Davis St (9:00 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, one citation, and one written warning.

Thursday, Feb. 29 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1477 Country Club Way (1:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 702 Newton St (7:16 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (1:57 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (7:02 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

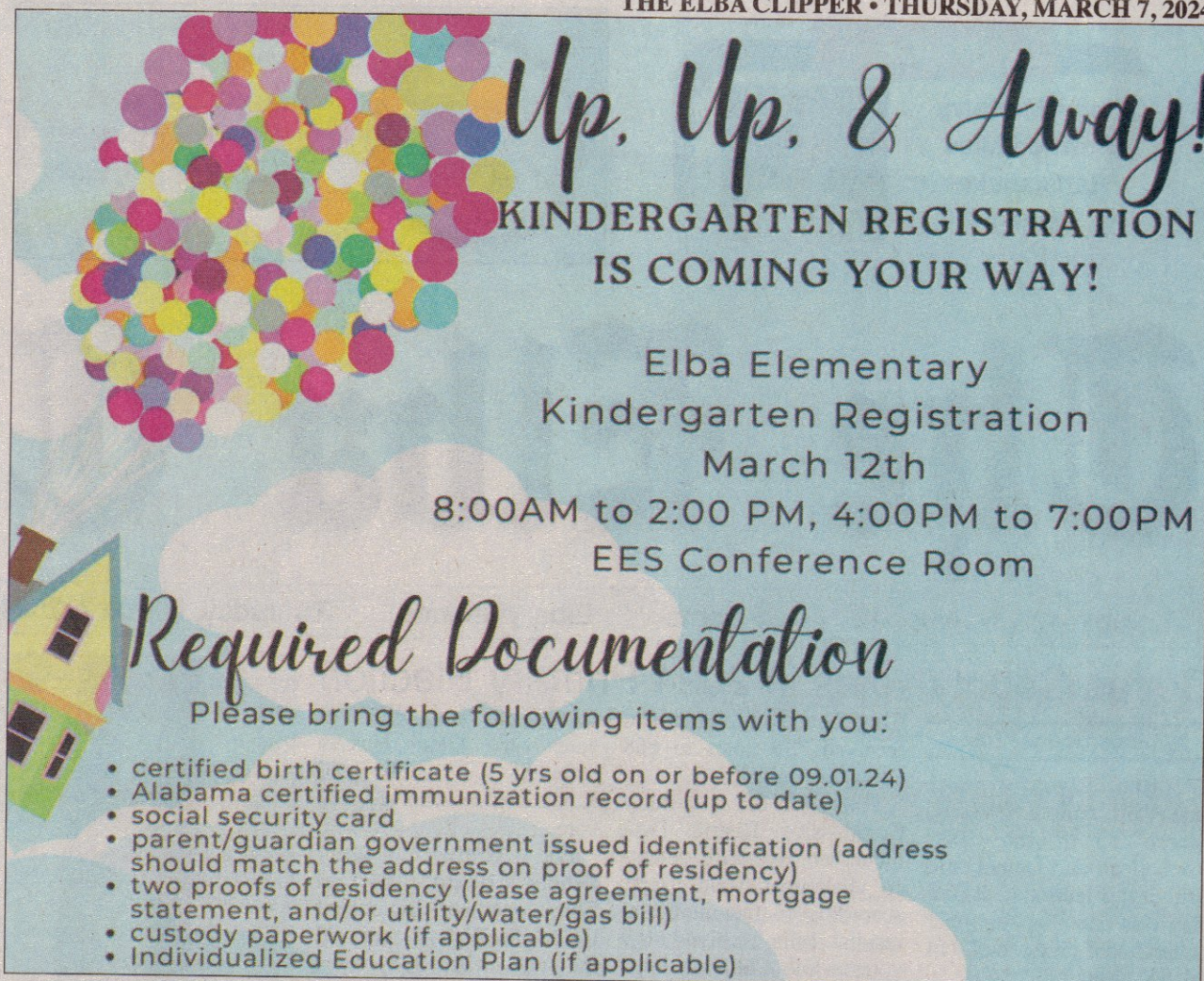
Friday, Mar. 1 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 501 (12:01 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (6:19 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 405 Adkinson Ave (10:26 p.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in six written warnings, three verbal warnings, and four citations.

Saturday, Mar. 2 – Report of shots fired in area of 600 block of Reynolds Ave (12:56 a.m.); Suspicious circum-

stances reported at 632 N Claxton Ave (12:05 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (4:41 a.m.); Noise complaint reported at 595 Newton St 2 (6:27 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Claxton/Apartments/Thrift Store (10:18 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, one arrest, and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Mar. 3 – Traffic accident reported at 650 N Claxton Ave (2:25 p.m.); Lost child/adult reported on Claxton Ave N (3:59 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (4:46 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, three verbal warnings, one advice given, two citations, and one arrest.

Monday, Mar. 4 – Animal complaint reported on Cedar Lane Dr (9:22 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 520 E Davis St (10:25 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 605 Kendrick St (5:45 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1699 County Rd. 249 (6:08 p.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in one advice given, seven verbal warnings, four written warnings, and one citation.



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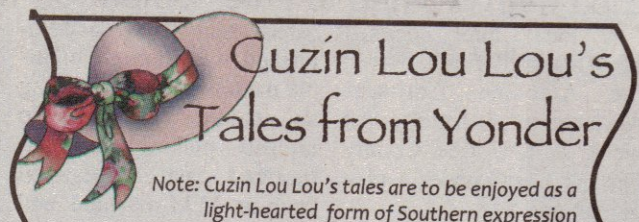
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Elba's very own Zalie McKelvy was crowned the 2024 Miss Rattlesnake Rodeo Queen last Saturday night, March 2, in Opp, Alabama. Queens for all categories included (from left): Tiny Miss Addilyn Kate Baldwin, Little Miss Riley Michelle Grant, Miss Rattlesnake Rodeo Zalie Lynn McKelvy, Teen Miss Alexis Renee Stallworth, and Junior Miss Arden Dorothy Sasser.

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Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Well...Sister's recovery from her eye issue didn't happen as quickly as she would have liked last week, but she does seem to be on the mend now.

By Thursday of last week, Cuzin Lou Lou had to drive Sister back over to see the cornea specialist again

because it had been determined that recovery was not going as anticipated.

This was Lou Lou's first time meeting the specialist, and she knew right away that she was going to like him. When he entered the room, he immediately joked that it was nice to see me although Sister most likely did not feel the same towards him.

Lou Lou decided very quickly this doc was going to be fun!

He did notice enough improvement with Sister's eye that he opted to try one more idea before going with the surgical procedure that would have a painful recovery. At least Sister could appreciate that!

The new "idea" involved an ointment that is being placed in Sister's eye nightly for three weeks. Doc said it was an old treatment that many doctors no longer use, but he still does use it. It appears to be doing the trick so kudos to the doc and his old tricks!

The funny part came with his next to last suggestion...he said another option might be to draw some blood from on of Sister's cells, create a tear from said blood, and put it back in Sister's eye. Lou Lou determined this would be to allow Sister's own antibodies to help with healing.

Well...Sister didn't say a word about that until they left the doc's office, and then her horrid response was... "that's some vampire type stuff there!"

Lou Lou's tickle box turned over immediately! It has now become a running joke with the Yonder Gang as Sister continues her recovery. She is praying things won't come to that!!

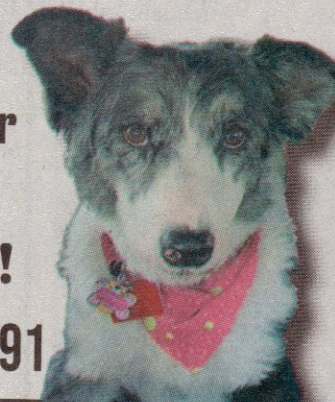
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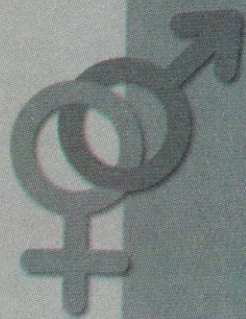
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HAPPY RETIREMENT...Bennett Aughtman (right) retired at the end of February from the City of Elba after 13 years of service to the community with the street department. On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox (left) presented Aughtman with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of dedicated service to the city and its citizens. In presenting Aughtman with the certificate, Mayor Maddox wished him well in his retirement.

More photos from the Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast...



Raeann McCollough is continuing the family tradition of attending the annual Elba Lions Club Pancake Breakfast with her daughters, Taylor and Byrdie.



Pete Crews from the Headland Lions Club (back, center) showed his support for fellow Lions by attending last weekend's Pancake Breakfast in Elba. Elba Lions Club members/officers pictured include Leo Brown, Rhonda Smith, and Carlos Magwood.



Elba Lions Club members were honored to have a group from the Dixie Lions Club of Montgomery, Ala. attend last Saturday's pancake breakfast in Elba. The visitors are pictured with Elba Lions Club president Leo Brown (left).



Vickie Bailey enjoyed sharing her pancakes with grandson, Archie, during last Saturday's breakfast.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

REV. FRED ARTHUR FOWLER

Rev. Fred Arthur Fowler, age 87, of Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, March 3, 2024, at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, March 9, 2024, beginning at 11 a.m., at Church on Boll Weevil Circle with Dr. John Granger officiating and Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing. In



lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Church on Boll Weevil Circle Building Fund, PO Box 311701, Enterprise, AL 36331 or to First Choice Hospice, PO Box 476, Elba, AL 36323.

Rev. Fowler was preceded in death by his wife, Deanna Fowler; a daughter, Sherry Tolbert; along with his father and mother, Fred and Rose Stewart Fowler.

Survivors include his daughters: Francine Jones, Enterprise; Laurie Bishop (Wilber) Saraland, Ala.; Janice Lackey (Lawrence)

Enterprise; grandchildren: Tracy Tolbert, Jesse Jones, Rebecca Rinehart, Nathan Bishop, Joel Bishop, Joshua Lackey, Rachel Lackey and Shaun Lackey; five great-grandchildren; his brother: Tom Fowler (Georgia) Voorhees, NJ; along with many nieces, nephews and special friends.

LINDA FAYE SMITH

Mrs. Linda Faye Smith, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.



Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 10 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Lamar Wood officiating. Burial followed in the Woodland Grove Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Smith; father, JC Pope; mother, Ida Ruth Pope; and sons, Michael Smith and Kevin Smith. Survivors include her sons: Keith (Gwen) Smith, Enterprise, Ala.; Kent Smith, and Craig (Cinda) Smith, both of Opp, Ala.; daughters: Lisa (Mark) Bailey, Kinston, Ala.; Sherry (John) Miller, Elba; brother: Larry Pope, Elba; sister: Julia Brooks, Elba; 12

grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Southeast Alabama Community Band to perform March 18 in Elba, Alabama

The Southeast Alabama Community Band will be back in Elba Monday, March 18, playing a concert at Elba High School. Conductor Ray Smith is excited to be playing in Elba once again.

Some of the program will include Walt Hines playing a George Gershwin medley on soprano sax. Hines is a tremendous woodwind player and is 87 years old.

Dr. Allen Clark, former Director of the United States Air Force Band, is going to conduct some Percy Grainger tunes such as Irish Tune from County Derry and Sheppard Hey.

Phil Kelley, longtime voice of the Sound of the South and director of many memorable musicals during his tenure on the School of Music faculty at Troy State University, is going to sing Irish Eyes are Smiling and hopefully some other Irish songs just one day late for St. Patrick's Day.

The musicians come from all over south Alabama.

The concert begins at 7 p.m., and there is no charge to attend.

JOSEPH TISDALE HUGHES

Our beloved father Joseph Tisdale Hughes, at 97, passed on to be with the Lord December 16, 2023, at his home on Gantt Lake in Andalusia, Alabama.

There will be a memorial held at Wise Mill Assembly of God Church, 223 Co Road 224, Elba, Alabama 36323, Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 2 pm.

Joe was born April 19, 1926, in Brantley, Alabama to Jessie B Tisdale Hughes and Wade Hampton Hughes. Brantley was home to the Hughes family that included Joe and his brother Robert W Hughes and sister Mary Alice Hughes.

Joe married his loving wife of 73 years, Mary Wise Hughes on March 19, 1944. His dedication to hard work and caring for his family was unquestioned. Joe served his country bravely and proudly when he enlisted in the United States Army during World War II from August 4, 1944 until July 7, 1945. Joe was one of the many brave U.S. Army Infantry who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle in American history. Joe was injured in the war and returned home to recover. He then started a widely varied career and was well known for being a hardworking man. Joe was quite an entrepreneur, he worked hard and thought big, and never slowed, even in his elderly years. He owned restaurants and an auto parts store in Enterprise, AL among many other interests. Joe had a long career in transportation management starting with Jordan Trucking in Enterprise. He continued with Caton Transfer out of Andalusia and then with AAA Motor Lines before retiring from a successful 27-year career. Even in retirement he continued to stay busy with real-estate as evidenced by his vision and development of Gantt Lake RV Park. Joe played as hard as he worked.

He and his wife Mary lived life to the fullest. They enjoyed fishing and hunting together. Where you saw Joe you would see Mary. They treasured their time in the North Carolina mountains where they owned a home and made many wonderful friendships. They enjoyed the beautiful mountain views, seeking out backroads waterfalls and crisp mountain air in the spring and summer. Before winter started, Joe and Mary would come back to their home on beautiful Gantt Lake. Joe loved gardening and after Mary's passing, Joe took on a new appreciation for the flowers that Mary loved.

Joe is survived by 7 children; Elaine Scofield, Janice Brooks, Jean Watson, Joseph Dwan Hughes, Marilyn Brooks, Debrah Stuckey, 17 Grandchildren, 27 Great Grandchildren and 8 Great-Great Grandchildren.

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If your loved one was a military veteran, you may wish to look into VA cemeteries near you. Also consider that most cemeteries have veteran sections, which should provide you with plenty of options for personalization. And if your loved one adhered to a particular religion, it may be worth investigating cemeteries associated with that faith tradition. Otherwise, you'll probably just want to find a public cemetery. A good starting place is to ask your funeral director for a recommendation.

If your loved one is to be cremated, it's important to find a cemetery that offers either a columbarium or an urn garden, or at least one that permits urns to be buried in traditional plots. (Most do, but it doesn't hurt to verify.) In researching local cemeteries, make sure you ask about the cost as well as any maintenance fees associated with the plot. Also ask what the cemetery will do to maintain the gravesite, and what your responsibilities will be as the family member. Finally, ask if there are any restrictions or stipulations on the kinds of casket that are permitted.

Again, as you navigate this important decision, don't hesitate to seek counsel from your funeral director, who will be able to help you locate the cemetery that best aligns with your needs and your loved one's final wishes.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRYAN, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-028

TAKENOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Nadine Bryan, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard G. Bryan, deceased, on the 14th day of February, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law for the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEON EDWARD BLAISE, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2024-029

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **LEON EDWARD BLAISE**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Jeremy Edward Blaise
JEREMY EDWARD BLAISE
Personal Representative of said Estate
2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MILDRED EVELYN PERRY, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-027

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **MILDRED EVELYN PERRY**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Jeanne Claire Laxton
JEANNE CLAIRE LAXTON
Personal Representative

/s/ James Barton Perry
JAMES BARTON PERRY
Personal Representative
2/22,29, & 3/7-pd.

Request for Purchase Agreement and Proposal

The west half of the building located at 347 West Davis St. on Courthouse Square in Elba is being offered for sale by the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA). The building is often referred to as "The Dime Store" building and the east half is now being occupied by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The property will be sold as is, and the new owner will be given twelve months from closing to finish the interior and occupy the building.

The deed will reflect an agreement between the new owner and the ERA (who owns the Chamber office space) if joint repairs are required. The current roof was replaced with insurance funds in 2024 as a result of hail damage. A new roof

would be an example of a shared cost expense.

Your proposal should include a plan for the use of the site, an estimated date of occupancy, and your offered purchase price.

Please contact City Hall if you would like to examine the property.

Your sealed proposal must be submitted to the ERA at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., no later than 5:00 P. M. on March 21, 2024. The ERA will consider each proposal based on monetary offer and benefit to the city. The ERA reserves the right to reject all proposals.
2/22,29,3/7&14-chg.

Notice

Abandoned vehicle for sale to the highest bidder Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., at 636 Reese Ave., Elba, AL.
1987 Dodge Power Ram, Short Bed, 4x4 LE 150
VIN 1BHW14T8H5501990

2/29, 3/7&14pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. SKINNER, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-219

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, **JAMES P. SKINNER**, having been granted to **MARGARET A. SKINNER** on the 21st day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: SHEILA MARIE REDMON, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2023-221

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to **JULIA REDMON**, as administrator of the estate of **Sheila Marie Redmon**, deceased, on the 22nd day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
GARY D. BRADSHAW (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. BOX 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334) 393-6439
(334) 393-7163 fax
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS KENNETH HALUSKA, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: PR-2024-022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, to Charles H. Ellzey, Esq. to serve as Administrator of the Estate of Louis Kenneth Haluska, deceased, notice is

hereby given to all persons having claims in or against the Estate of Louis Kenneth Haluska that they shall and will be required to present any and all claims against said Estate to the Clerk of the Court for probate and registration as is required within the time allowed by law, or said claims will be barred.

/s/ Charles H. Ellzey
Charles H. Ellzey (ELL077)
Estate Attorney & Administrator
PO Box 764
Elba, AL 36323
334-403-5691
chas@chellzeylaw.com
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ENTERPRISE DIVISION)

THE ESTATE OF WESLEY CISROE MATHEWS, Deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2024-032

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Darlene Mock on February 21, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Darlene Mock
Darlene Mock
208 Whispering Pines St.
Enterprise, AL 36330
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELISE S. HILTON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2024-033

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **ELISE S. HILTON**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Regina Hilton Warner
REGINA HILTON WARNER
Personal Representative of said Estate
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JESSIE KNOTTS SIMMONS, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-224

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to **KERRY HARDY** on the 21st day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Judge Jodee Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims-against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
Coffee County, Alabama
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

MORE LEGAL NOTICES ON PAGE 5!

FOR SALE

Craftsman 110 Riding Lawn Mower. 42" cut. Like New. **\$1,200.00.**
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2/15-4t-pd.

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3/7-4t-chg

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3/7-4t-chg.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JEAN DONALDSON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2024-034

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **MARTHA JANE DONALDSON**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ M. Bruce Donaldson

M.BRUCE DONALDSON
Personal Representative of said Estate
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Elba Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Elba, AL will consider the rezoning from R-2 to B-2 of this site on 0 Hickman Drive (brief description: COM at INT of S R W of Ellensburg Street \$ E R W of Taylor Avenue TH E207.5 S LY 214.8 to POB th E100 S 128.73 W 100 N 126.65 to POB). Application for zoning change is being made by William Earl Durden with Durden Outdoor for Donnie Qualls. The Public Hearing will be held at Elba City Hall on March 14, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. Elba Planning and Zoning Board
City of Elba, AL
(334) 897-2333
2/29&3/7-chg.

CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church, Elba

Trust the Bible – Not Your Feelings

“The heart is deceitful above all things...” Jeremiah 17:9

The Bible is always right! If there is a difference between what I feel or think and the Bible, then I am wrong. If I hold an opinion that is contrary to a clear teaching or statement from the Bible, then I am wrong. If I have been taught something my entire life and it doesn't square with the Bible, then I and all my teachers are wrong. If everybody in the entire world, including me, holds a belief that contradicts what God has said in the Bible, then everybody in the entire world is wrong and the Bible is right. Trust the Bible – not your feelings, opinions, or the dominant values of culture.

Why?
“...Your word is truth.” (John 17:17)
“All scripture is ‘God-breathed’ and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong...It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.” (2 Timothy 3:16)

“Not prophecy ever came from what a person wanted to say, but people led by the Holy Spirit spoke words from God.” (2 Peter 1:21)

The Bible is always right because it is God's very own words. He is all-knowing (1 John 3:20) and never lies (Hebrews 6:18). He is never confused, uncertain, or bewildered. Instead, His words of guidance in the Bible are true wisdom because He is “the only wise God” (Romans 16:27). “O the depth of the riches of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!” (Romans 11:33)

So, if you want to make a wise decision, first find out what guidance there is in the pages of the Bible. If you are struggling to know what you should do about a situation in your life, go to the Bible and seek God's wisdom on it. If you want to know the truth about life, God, eternal salvation, marriage, sin, raising children, human suffering and evil, priorities in life, or any number of other important matters, go to the Bible. Go to the Bible. It is God's inerrant guidebook for life. Because it's from God, it is trustworthy and reliable, unlike one's feelings or the opinions of people.

Revival set for March 17-19 at Alberton Baptist Church

Alberton Baptist Church, located at 3633 Hwy. 134, Kinston, Ala., will conduct Revival Services beginning Sunday evening, March 17, and continuing through Tuesday evening, March 19. Service times for the revival are 6 p.m. Sunday night and 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday nights. Rev. Brad Boykin will speak Sunday night, Rev. Shaun Moore will speak Monday night, and Rev. Cliff Quincy will speak Tuesday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information or if transportation is needed, contact Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.

Cemetery Trust Fund meeting set for Saturday, Mar. 16, at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church announces plans for its annual Church Cemetery Trust Fund meeting on Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m. The meeting will be at the church, located on County Road 228, near Victoria.

Woodland Grove Baptist Church planning March revival services

Woodland Grove Baptist Church will hold Revival Services, March 17-19, with Bro. Buddy Hood speaking. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 17, and will be at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday nights, March 18 & 19.

Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting planned for March 16 in Enterprise, Ala.

Aglow Community Lighthouse Meeting, Enterprise, Ala., will be Saturday, March 16, at The Gathering Room, 217 South Main Street, beginning at 10 a.m. Guest speaker will be Kim Robbins from Atlanta, Ga.

Come and invite others to be Blessed of the Lord. For more information, contact 334-406-9683.

ROUND AND ABOUT

w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER

334-282-2200



Scripture: Hebrews 5:11-14

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Alan J. Belcher, Sick/ Shut-In Everywhere, Charles Hightower, Angie Dawson, Dallas Luckett, Bereaved Families, Families of the late Mr. Charles Donaldson, Helen Thigpen, Tarrell Kelley

March Birthdays

Bobb Ordon 3/8
Rico Cooks 3/8
Keyawna Gavin 3/9
Melissa Margo Kelley 3/9
Gladys Wright 3/9
Pavielle Reed 3/11
Jerry McMillian 3/12
Tammy Tillis 3/13
Ashley Carpenter Thomas 3/13

First Out with the Old

We once lived near a restaurant that was absolutely nasty. We went there a few times because it was cheap and we were poor, but every time we left, I wanted to run home and wash my hands. A thin film of grease, ketchup, and unrecognizable grime seemed to cover everything.

One day, I drove by and saw bulldozers demolishing that restaurant; afterward, a new one was built in its place. The first time I visited it, I felt like I had stepped into a different world. The counters gleamed, the décor looked high class, and the equipment shone. Everyone working there wore smiles and new uniforms. I sighed with relief.

God does His work of reconstruction like that: before the new can come,

the old must go. This is just as true for the “old man” of sin of our past lives (Romans 6:6) as it is for the new Heaven and earth to come. “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Which do others most see in you – the old creation or the new? – L.M.W.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 3/7/2024

True or False

Q: The king in the city where Jonah preached refused to believe his prophecies.

A: False [Jonah 3:6]

Q: Before we became Christians we followed “the course of the world.”

A: True [Ephesians 2:2]

Q: Christ is the vine, and we are the branches.

A: True [John 15:5]

Thought to Remember

God loves us too much to let us remain as we are.

Questions for the week of 3/14/24

True or False

Q: The younger men counseled Rehoboam to be a servant to people whom he would rule.

Q: Amos condemned the sins of Judah, but he said nothing about Israel's sins.

Q: Six of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel before David was summoned.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Business of the Month:
Elba Medical Clinic
Follow the Chamber ...
Elba, Alabama Chamber of Commerce

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

LEGAL NOTICES: (continued from Page 4)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of **RANDELL ALFRED HENDERSON**, Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2023-091

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 8th day of February, 2024, to Jeanette H. Muth and Glen Buren Henderson as Co-Executrix and Co-Executor of the Estate of **Randell Alfred Henderson**, deceased, who departed this life on the 21st day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeanette Muth
Jeanette H. Muth, Co-Executrix of the Estate of **Randell Alfred Henderson**, Deceased
/s/ Glen Buren Henderson
Glen Buren Henderson, Co-Executor of the Estate of **Randell Alfred Henderson**, Deceased
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **DONALD GRAHAM**, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2024-009

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, **DONALD GRAHAM**, having been granted to **ANGELA MORROW** on the 22nd day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 22nd day of February, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF **MAXINE E. BOYD**, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC-2024-005

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration with the will of said deceased annexed having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 20th day of February, 2024.
/s/ JANE LAMBERT
Personal Representative
/s/ MATT BRUNSON
Attorney for the Estate
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **PHILLIP BOLAND FOLEY**, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC-2024-004

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to **Diann E. Galimore**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Phillip Boland Foley**, deceased, on the 20th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to

present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Diann E. Galimore
Diann E. Galimore
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Phillip Boland Foley, deceased
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **ROBERT TRENT THOMPSON**, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2024-023

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, **ROBERT TRENT THOMPSON**, having been granted to **ERIS BRYAN PAUL** on the 26th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 26th day of February, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: **ROBERT TRENT THOMPSON**, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2024-023

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, **ROBERT TRENT THOMPSON**, having been granted to **ERIS BRYAN PAUL** on the 26th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that

all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 26th day of February, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
2/29,3/7&14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division

In Re: The Matter of: **TEDDY GLENN HOWELL**
Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2024-016

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

To: April Foran and Kristina Howell

You will please take notice that on the January 26, 2024, a certain paper in writing, purported to be the Last Will and Testament of **Teddy Glenn Howell**, deceased, was filed in my office for Probate by **Joshua Alan Davis** and that the 27th day of MARCH, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. was appointed a day for the hearing of same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Enterprise, Alabama, at which time you can appear and contest same, if you see proper. Done and dated this the 23rd day of February, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
JODEE R. THOMPSON
Judge of Probate
3/7,14&21-pd.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION – A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment shall be made:

Synopsis: This bill would levy an additional \$8 fee

on the registration, transfer or renewal of any motor vehicle in Coffee County, provide for the collection of the fee and the distribution of the proceeds from the fee. Three dollars of the fee would go to the District Attorney for law enforcement purposes and the prosecution of crime in Coffee County. Five dollars of the fee would be deposited into the general fund to be used for any law enforcement purpose of the sheriff's department.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; create and provide for the collection of an additional vehicle license and registration fee on each vehicle license and registration, transfer, or renewal of any vehicle in the county; and to provide for distribution of the proceeds from the fees to the general fund to be used for law enforcement and to the district attorney.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1.

(a) The Probate Judge of Coffee County shall charge and collect an additional eight dollar (\$8) fee on each motor vehicle registration, transfer or renewal in the county. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees, taxes, and other charges provided by law.

(b) The proceeds from the additional issuance fees upon collection shall be distributed on a monthly basis by the Probate Judge as follows:

Three dollars (\$3.00) shall be distributed to the District Attorney to be deposited in the solicitor's fund. The proceeds from the fees shall be used for law enforcement purposes and for the prosecution of crimes in Coffee County.

Five dollars (\$5.00) shall be deposited in the county general fund and used for any law enforcement purpose of the sheriff's department.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

3/7,14,21&28-chg.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

An Online Sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday March 21st 2024. Personal Property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-46

Unit A47 – Chasity Mitchell HHG

Unit 119 – Gayton Glover HHG

Unit A29 – Demon Slater HHG

Unit A2 – Rory Moore HHG

Unit A31 – Tracy Markham HHG

3/7,14-chg.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Elba will conduct a final public hearing on March 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in reference to the City's CDBG Project for Street and Drainage Improvements (LR-CM-PF-22-010). The hearing will be held at the Elba City Hall located at 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama. The hearing is being held to give the citizens of Elba an opportunity to make comments on the outcome of the aforementioned project. Comments from citizens will enable the City of Elba to prepare the Performance Assessment Report (PAR).

All citizens are encouraged to attend. For more information, or if you require special accommodations at the hearing please contact city officials.

Tom Maddox, Mayor
City of Elba
200 Buford Street
Elba, AL 36323
(334) 897-2333

3/7-chg

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson has begun to become very active in various school activities and last week helped other Elba High students clean up the campus. While the clean-up day may not have been a big deal to some, for Lawson to get up early on a Saturday morning showed me he had school pride and was willing to pitch in to help make his school the best it could be. Good job, little man!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers ended their most successful basketball season ever last week with a loss in the opening round of the state tournament, and while the lopsided loss stunned the players and fans, it did little to take away from the historic season the Elba girls had as they set records for wins in a season (28) and winning streak (19) on their way to their third trip to the 'Final Four' in five years. Of the five losses, three of the teams (1A Spring Garden, 2A Luverne and 4A T.R. Miller) also made it to the state tournament, while 3A Straughn lost in the region finals and 3A Wilcox Central lost in the sub-region round. It was another chapter in the success of girls sports at Elba High, and one that will be read and remembered forever.

*** The Elba Tigers baseball team continued its early-season struggles last week with losses to New Brockton and Luverne, with errors and walks helping to keep the Tigers winless after three weeks of action. Elba has a solid group of seniors that know how to win and it is a little puzzling to the fans, and I am sure the coaches, that the team is off to such a slow start. I am still betting on the Tigers to wake up and be a contender for the area title despite the disappointing start and am convinced that once they put a couple of wins on their side of the ledger more wins will come on a weekly basis.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers finally got in a couple of days of practice last week on the softball field after a delayed start due to the success of the basketball team, but saw their season take yet another step back when the first two games of the season were rained out. There are only twelve players on the varsity roster and only three seniors, but hopes are high that the girls will continue the success of year's past and make lots of noise, if they can ever manage to get in enough work at practice and play some games.

*** It has been an exciting start to the high school baseball and softball seasons for teams in the area and unless I miss my guess the entire season will be fun to watch. On the baseball field, the New Brockton Gamecocks appear to be the cream of the crop and should be an area title threat, while Brantley has finally hit the field and appears as good as ever, Zion Chapel has a solid group that will no doubt win its share of games, and Kinston has a team that will battle in every game and make some noise before long. Over on the softball field, Zion Chapel is off to a 10-0 start and convinced this is the year the Lady Rebels make history, while Brantley is settling in with a very young team and is no doubt a 1A power, Kinston is much better than its early-season record indicates and as always will be a team to watch, and New Brockton seems to be coming on after a late start and should post more than its share of wins. Yep, once the weather cooperates it will be fun to get outside in the afternoon and watch some games.

*** In closing.... It will soon be time for Major League to get started and I hope this year I will be able to actually watch the Atlanta Braves in action. Last season the Braves games were dropped from my cable provider due to some money issues between companies, but this year I may have to find another cable provider or even subscribe to a service, because I need to watch the Braves.

Elba Tigers fall hard to New Brockton 18-8

The Elba Tigers fell behind 14-0 in the second inning and saw a late rally fall far short in an 18-8 road loss to the New Brockton Gamecocks.

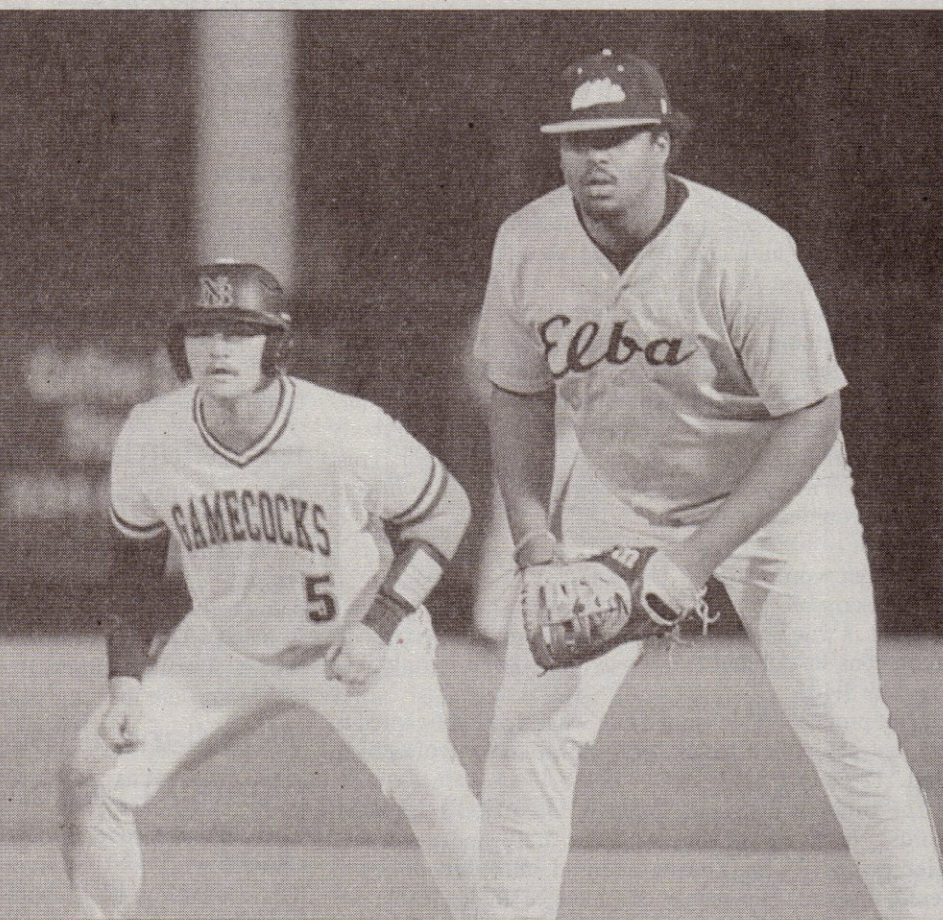
New Brockton's Payton Green and Josh Gutierrez both delivered rbi doubles in the first inning as the Gamecocks jumped out to a 6-0 lead, while Trent Smith and Riley Simmons both ripped two-run doubles in the second as New Brockton plated eight runs to push its lead to 14-0.

Elba pushed across four unearned runs in the third inning to cut the deficit to 14-4. However, the Gamecocks combined three hits with three walks in the bottom of the frame to extend their lead to 18-4 after three complete innings.

Collin Arnold had a two-run double in the fourth to help cut the deficit to 18-4, and Ty Sieving delivered a two-run single in the fifth, but it was way too little, way too late, as the Tigers fell 18-4.

Ty Sieving had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Powell Bane added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Collin Arnold added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's, and Brayden Johnson and Cameron Gray both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Jay Wilson, Brayden Johnson and Easton McKelvy combined to pitch four innings and allowed 10 earned runs on 13 hits and seven walks.

Payton Green had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Hayden Pope added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Bryant Crumpler added 2 hits and 1 rbi; Dawson Peacock added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Trent Smith added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Dalton



Elba Tiger first-baseman Kaleb Mitchell holds New Brockton's Payton Green (5) close to the bag in last week's loss to the Gamecocks.

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)

Holloway, Hunter Bedsole and Jacob Fisher combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on eight hits and four walks.

(Junior Varsity)

The Elba Tigers fell behind 7-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 15-2 road loss to New Brockton. Dylan Holley had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Nicholas Parker and Ky'Avian Stoudemire both scored 1 run. Holley, Parker, and Matthew McCart combined to pitch three innings and allowed 10 earned runs on five hits and 12 walks. Brayden Fomby had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Skye English added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Conner Leuci added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Caleb Shipp and Cole Danford combined to pitch three innings and allowed one earned run on one hit and one walk.

Elba Tigers outscored in 22-11 loss to Luverne

The Elba Tigers outhit Luverne 8-6 last Thursday night in high school baseball action, but committed 10 errors that led to 17 unearned runs in a 22-11 homefield loss.

Luverne combined two hits with three walks and two Elba errors to jump out to a 4-0 first inning lead, and added one run in the second and two more in the top of the third to stretch its lead to 7-0.

Elba came alive in the bottom of the third and plated six runs to pull within 7-6. A one-out single by Powell Bane ignited the Tiger rally, while Cameron Gray followed with a base hit and when Jay Wilson drew a walk Elba had the bases loaded. Bane scored on a fielder's choice, while Collin Arnold came through with a two-run single and Brady Johnson ripped a two-run double and later scored on an error as the Tigers battled back.

Luverne quickly regained command in the fourth inning as it took advantage of seven walks, one hit batter and one hit to plate eight runs to push its lead to 15-6, and then added seven runs in the top of the fifth thanks to two hits and

three Elba errors to take a 22-6 lead.

Elba went down swinging in its half of the inning as Collin Arnold hit a double, Brady Johnson added a two-run single and Easton McKelvy added an rbi single. However, the deficit was too big as the Tigers suffered the 22-11 defeat.

Brady Johnson had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Elba, while Collin Arnold added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Powell Bane added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Six Elba pitchers combined to toss five innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits and 14 walks, while striking out eight.

(Junior Varsity)

The Elba Tigers watched an early 3-2 lead vanish in a 16-3 loss to Luverne. Skylar Mitchell had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Tigers, while Levi Martin and Matthew McCart both scored 1 run. Levi Martin and Dywys Reynolds combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits and five walks.

Prep Sports

SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 7

(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Elba V

Samson at Kinston V

Highland Home at

Brantley JV-V

New Brockton Middle at

Opp DH

Daleville at New Brockton

V

(Softball)

G.W. Long at Zion Chapel

JV-V

Wicksburg at Brantley V

Friday, March 8

(Baseball)

Elba JV at Zion Chapel

DH

Kinston at Samson V

New Brockton at Daleville

V

(Soccer)

New Brockton at Geneva

G/B

Saturday, March 9

(Baseball)

Kinston JV at Emmanuel

Christian

Brantley at Zion Chapel

DH

Ariton at Brantley JV

New Brockton at Florala V

Monday, March 11

(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Carroll V

Brantley at Greenville

JV-V

New Brockton at

Providence Christian V

(Softball)

Ponce de Leon at Kinston

JV-V

Pike Lib at Brantley JV-V

Ariton at New Brockton

JV-V

Tuesday, March 12

(Baseball)

Elba at Florala JV-V

Pleasant Home at Kinston

V

Ariton at Zion Chapel JV

DH

Brantley at Straughn JV

Brantley at Ariton V

New Brockton Middle at

Enterprise DH

Opp at New Brockton JV

DH

(Softball)

Elba at Houston County

JV-V

Pleasant Home at Kinston

JV-V

Zion Chapel at Luverne V

Brantley at Ariton V

Daleville at New Brockton

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PREP SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

BASEBALL:

Brantley JV 11 Highland Home 1 – The Brantley Bulldogs used an 8-run third inning to take command in an 11-1 win over Highland Home. Charlie Williamson had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Andre Wright added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Greyson Goodwin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Briar Morris added 1 hit, scored 1 run and has 1 rbi. Goodwin and Asa Blackmon combined to pitch three innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits, with five strikeouts.

New Brockton 11 Straughn 6 – The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a 4-2 fifth inning deficit to defeat Straughn 11-6. Josh Gutierrez had 3 hits, including a home-run, scored 4 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 3 hits and scored 1 run; Dawson Peacock added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Riley Simmons added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Green pitched complete game five-hitter with seven strikeouts, and allowed no earned runs.

Opp 17 New Brockton Middle 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 8-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 17-3 loss to Opp. Brayden Fomby and Landon Waller both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while David Peacock scored 2 runs. Fomby, Peyton Collins and Cole Danford combined to pitch three innings and allowed eight earned runs on three hits and eight walks.

New Brockton Middle 2 Opp 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks scored the winning run in their final at-bat in an exciting 2-1 win over Opp. Nolyn Holland had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, while Peyton Collins added 1 hit and 1 rbi, Grady Hamilton added 1 hit and Brantley Thomas scored 1 run. David Peacock and Holland combined to pitch five innings and allowed no earned runs on four hits, while striking out 13.

Red Level 6 Kinston 3 – The Kinston Bulldogs saw an early 3-0 lead slip away in a 6-3 loss to Red Level. Marcus Free had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while CJ Lunsford and Colby Tew both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Four Kinston pitchers combined to allow four earned runs on four hits and nine walks.

Geneva County 14 Zion Chapel 10 – The Zion Chapel Rebels saw an 8-6 sixth inning lead slip away in a 14-10 loss to Geneva County. Wes Braisted had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Brady Flowers added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Austin Jordan added 2 hits and 3 rbi's and, Kavan Brown added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Flowers and Jordan combined to pitch seven innings and allowed nine earned runs on eight hits and six walks.

Brantley 16 Pleasant Home 0 – The Brantley Bulldogs scored in every inning in a lopsided 16-0 win over Pleasant Home. Thomas Williamson ad 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Jon Harper Kilcrease added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Reese Odom added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Tyson Grant added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Cooper Layton and Kilcrease combined to pitch three innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with five strikeouts.

Brantley JV 7 Kinston 1 – The Brantley Bulldogs used a 5-run third inning to take command in a 7-1 win over Kinston. Marcus Everette had 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead Brantley, while Asa Blackmon added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Colton Searcy pitched three innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, while striking out eight. Ty Lashley had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston, while Evan Hilburn added 1 hit. Hilburn, Cam McKinney and Mav Owens combined to pitch four innings and allowed three earned runs on two hits and eight walks, with nine strikeouts.

New Brockton Middle 2 Geneva 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and held on to edge Geneva 2-1. Nolyn Holland had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Peyton Collins added 1 hit and 1 run, and Landon Waller added 1 hit and 1 rbi. David Peacock pitched five innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits, with five strikeouts.

Geneva 8 New Brockton Middle 4 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 2-0 second inning lead vanish in an 8-4 loss to Geneva. David Peacock had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Brantley Thomas added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Nolyn Holland and Landon Waller both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Holland, Brayden Fomby and Peyton Collins combined to pitch four innings and allowed eight earned runs on seven hits, with seven strikeouts.

Ariton 5 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a late 3-2 lead slip away in a 5-3 loss to Ariton. Judd Thomas had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green added 1 hit. Hunter White and Trent Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits, while striking out 10.

Zion Chapel 13 Abbeville 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 10-run third inning to roll past Abbeville 13-0. Austin Jordan had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Brady Flowers and Wes Braisted both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Tyler Bass pitched a three-inning no-hitter with three strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 14 Abbeville 0 – The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 11 runs in the first inning and coasted to a 14-0 win over Abbeville. Austin Jordan had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Wes Braisted added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Brodie Stinson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Macon Allen

and John Foster Hamm both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Dylan Davis pitched a two-inning no-hitter with five strikeouts.

New Brockton 5 Zion Chapel 4 – New Brockton's Riley Simmons ripped an rbi single with one out in the bottom of the final inning in an exciting 5-4 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Baylon Foster had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Blake Peterson added 2 hits and scored 1 run, Riley Simmons added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's, and Dawson Peacock added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Payton Green, Josh Gutierrez, Dalton Holloway and Hunter Bedsole combined to pitch six innings and allowed 4 earned runs on eight hits, with 5 strikeouts. Zion Chapel was led by Brodie Stinson with 2 hits and 1 run scored, John Foster Hamm with 2 hits, and Joseph LeGear with 1 hit and 1 run scored. Austin Jordan and Hamm combined to pitch five and one-third innings and allowed no earned runs on five hits, with four strikeouts.

Wicksburg 4 New Brockton 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 3-2 seventh inning lead slip away in a 4-3 loss to Wicksburg. Riley Simmons had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Kyle GaVette added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and Payton Green, Hayden Pope and Josh Gutierrez all added 1 hit. Jacob Fisher and Green combined to pitch six and one-third innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits, with seven strikeouts.

Carroll 12 Zion Chapel 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels never led in a 12-4 loss to Carroll. Austin Jordan had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Brodie Stinson added 2 hits and scored 1 run, John Foster Hamm added 2 hits; and, Kavan Brown added 1 hit. Brady Flowers, Wes Braisted, Dylan Davis and Hamm combined to pitch seven innings and allowed six earned runs on seven hits and seven walks, while recording nine strikeouts.

SOFTBALL:

Geneva 6 Zion Chapel JV 1 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind 5-0 in the second inning and never caught up in a 6-1 loss to Geneva. Aubrey Bassett, Mackenzie Warren and Cally McWaters all had 1 hit for Zion Chapel. Caroline Jordan and Laundry Hattaway combined to pitch four innings and allowed four earned runs on four hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

Geneva 13 Zion Chapel JV 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered in a 13-2 loss to Geneva. Aubrey Bassett had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Alyssa Forehand and Caroline Jordan both added 1 hit. Laundry Hattaway, Taylor Stone and Cally McWaters combined to pitch three innings and allowed 12 earned runs on six hits and eight walks.

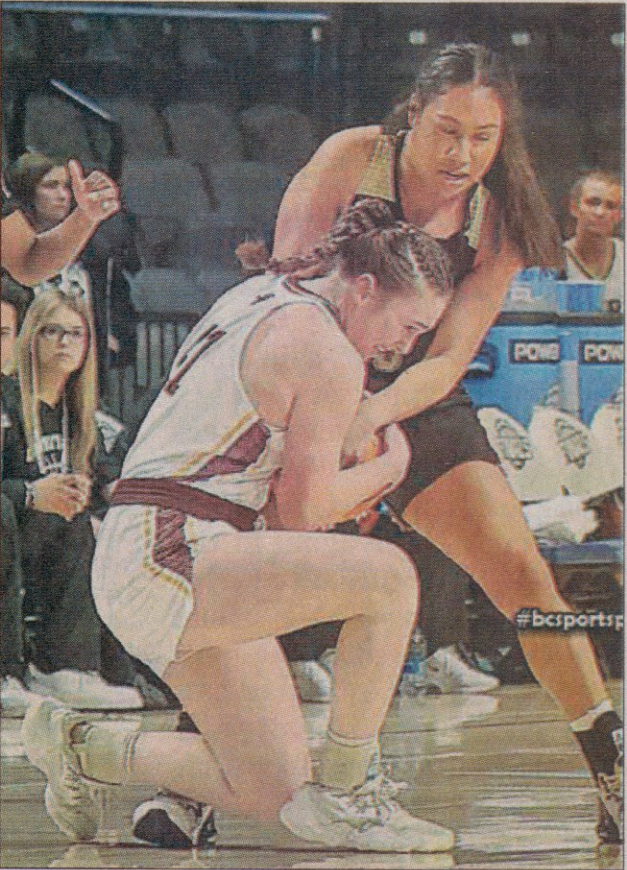
Zion Chapel 6 Ariton 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead in the third inning and never looked back in a 6-2 win over Ariton. Riley Bannin had 4 hits, including a home run and a double, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits and 1 rbi, Yaya Velazquez added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Madison Meeks and Aubrey Bassett both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Riley Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits and five walks, while striking out eight.

Ariton 8 Zion Chapel JV 4 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw an early 2-0 lead vanish in an 8-2 loss to Ariton. Cailynn Sanders had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Mackenzie Warren added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Alyssa Forehand scored 2 runs. Landry Hattaway and Caroline Jordan combined to pitch two and two-thirds innings and allowed four earned runs on three hits and six walks.

New Brockton 19 Daleville 5 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks used a 13-run sixth inning to pull away and post a 19-5 win over Daleville. Jenna Kate Weeks had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Brooklyn Downing added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's; Gabby Eubanks added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Kirstyn Ramirez added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Weeks, Kallie Qualls and MacKenzie Jones combined to pitch six innings and allowed five earned runs on six hits and seven walks.

New Brockton JV 7 Andalusia 2 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks led all the way in a 7-2 win over Andalusia. Zaniyah Mitchell had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead New Brockton, and combined with Ella Kate Bowers to pitch three innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, with four strikeouts.

Brantley 11 Luverne 0 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way to post a solid 11-0 win over Luverne. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Hope Richardson added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, Anna Little added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi, and Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Little pitched five innings and allowed one hit, while striking out four.



Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez fights for a loose ball with a Spring Garden defender.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba ousted in state tourney opener by Spring Garden

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their dreams of bringing a state title back home to Elba High turn into a nightmare last Monday afternoon in a 62-16 Class 1A State Tournament loss to the defending state champion Spring Garden Lady Panthers.

The Lady Tigers defense kept the score close early in the game as Spring Garden owned a slim 8-0 lead with 4:16 remaining in the opening quarter. However, Elba failed to score in the stanza and the Lady Panthers pulled away late to open up a 21-0 lead.

Spring Garden hit an early three-pointer in the second quarter to up its lead to 24-0, and it only got worse from there for the Lady Tigers as they ended the half 0-10 shooting from the floor and committed 23 turnovers to allow Spring Garden to go in at intermission with a 41-0 advantage.

Elba's Ana Caldwell scored on a layup with 6:30 left in the third quarter to put the Lady Tigers on the scoreboard, but Spring Garden never lost command and with 3:33 left in the quarter took its biggest lead of the game at 54-2. Ny'Asia McCollough scored with 3:01 left to add

two points on the Elba side of the scoreboard. However, little else went right for the South Region champs as they trailed 57-6 heading into the final stanza.

Brooke Tinsley scored from inside the paint with 5:21 remaining in the fourth quarter as Elba got into double figures, and Taylor Day added a basket on a put back with 1:34 on the clock, but it just wasn't Elba's day in Birmingham as the Lady Tigers were ousted 62-16.

Ny'Asia McCollough scored 8 points and grabbed 3 rebounds to lead Elba, while Ana Caldwell had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Kendra Juarez had 2 points and 6 rebounds, Brooke Tinsley had 2 points and 2 rebounds, and Taylor Day had 2 points and 1 rebound. The Lady Tigers shooting woes came from all over the court in the season-ending loss as they hit only 8 of 36 shots, were 0-9 from the three-point line and 0-9 from the free-throw line.

Ace Austin scored 22 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 7 assists to lead Spring Garden, while Chloe Rule added 14 points and 5 rebounds and Libby Brown added 14 points and 5 assists.


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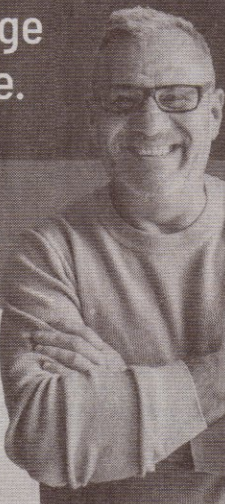
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by Linda Hodge, Editor

The talents of young “scientists in training” shined Saturday, March 2, at Elba High School as the school hosted the first ever AMSTI-South Science Olympiad Regional Tournament.

AMSTI [Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative] is the Alabama Department of Education’s initiative to improve STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] teaching state-wide.

Elba City Schools assistant principal Marty Balkcom said Elba was excited to be able to host the tournament last week. He said it was a wonderful day to celebrate STEM learning and young scientists and engineers from across the state!

“We have the facilities here at Elba for these type events, and we were excited to be asked to host this first-time event,” he said.

Last weekend’s event was a regional science Olympiad tournament. Students qualified from the event to move on to state

tournaments. Middle school aged students participated in the event held last weekend in Elba.

“We have five teams competing here today so it’s a small tournament with just middle school teams,” said AMSTI interim coordinator Hope Balkcom last Saturday during the event.

“Elba has been an amazing host for our event,” said Hope Balkcom, AMSTI interim director. “We hope we get to do it here again in the future, even adding a high school event to the middle school event. This facility is perfect for what we need.”

ics to demonstrate/test in front of the judges. The high school gym was full of activity as several different demonstrations were underway.

“We have over 100 people at this event including the competitors, parents, chaperones and coaches,” Mrs. Balkcom said. “There also are about 50 volunteers on campus. It really takes that many people because

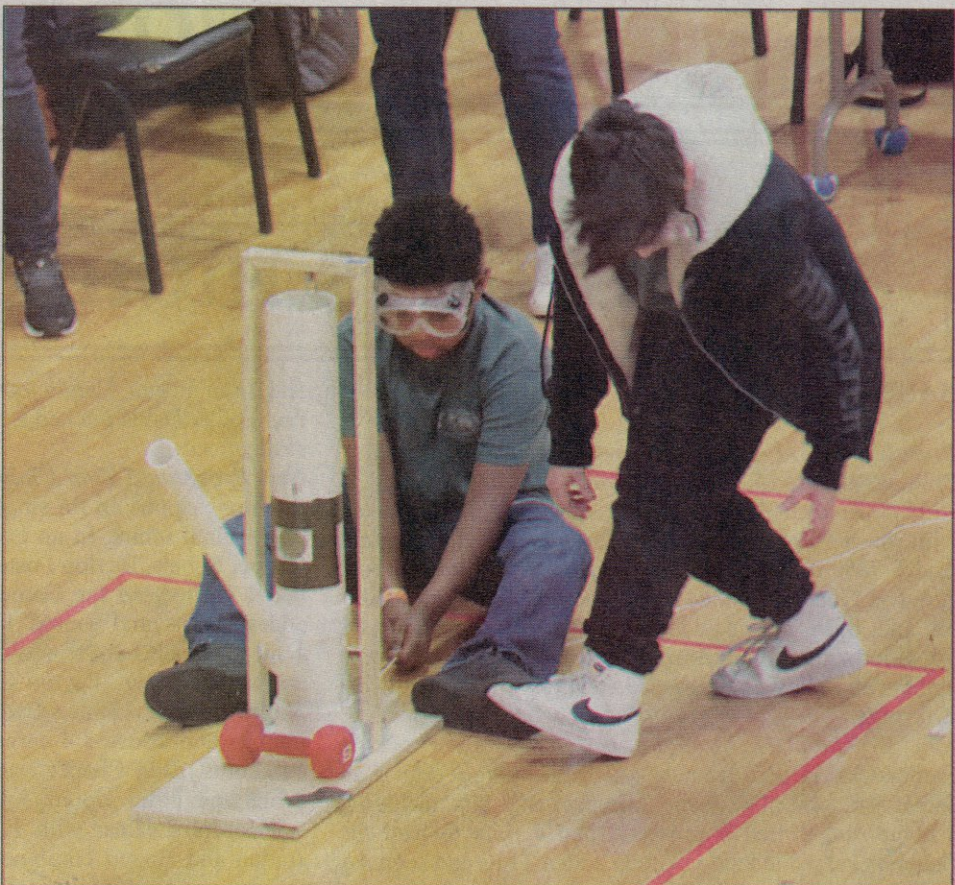
each event requires 2-3 people to run it. You have teams grading tests, a team in the hospitality room, others helping with food and snacks, and so on.”

Even before last week’s actual event, assistant principal Balkcom said the Elba community was preparing for its host job the weekend prior when a clean-up day was held around the campus. He said many students, parents, and community members came out for that clean-up day to help ensure last weekend’s visitors were welcomed with a clean campus.

“Elba has been an amazing host for our event,” Mrs. Balkcom said. “We hope we get to do it here again in the future, even adding a high school event to the middle school event. This facility is perfect for what we need.”

As for the event itself, Mrs. Balkcom said it was a great day to showcase science and engineering. She said the students that participated really showed their love for science, and all involved considered the event to be a huge success.

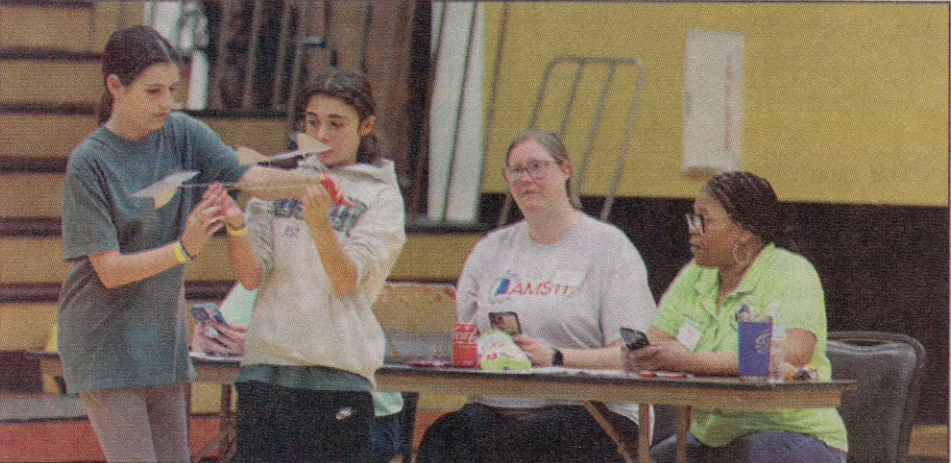
“We want to host more events like the AMSTI Science Olympiad at our school, assistant principal Balkcom said. “It’s a great program for students and this has been a great way for us to show off our school to others by serving as the host for the event.”



Air Trajectory was one of several events taking place inside the Elba High School gym last Saturday morning during the AMSTI Regional Science Olympiad. Here, two competitors prepare to launch a ball from their design project for the competition. Students use math, science, and engineering technology to build and prepare their projects.



Student competitors from last weekend’s AMSTI-South Science Olympiad Regional Tournament received awards and medals at the conclusion of the event. Top qualifiers now advance to the state level of competition.



Judges wait as these two students prepare to launch the airplane they constructed for the AMSTI Science Olympiad last Saturday morning at Elba High School. The students’ plane was judged on various elements including flight time and distance.

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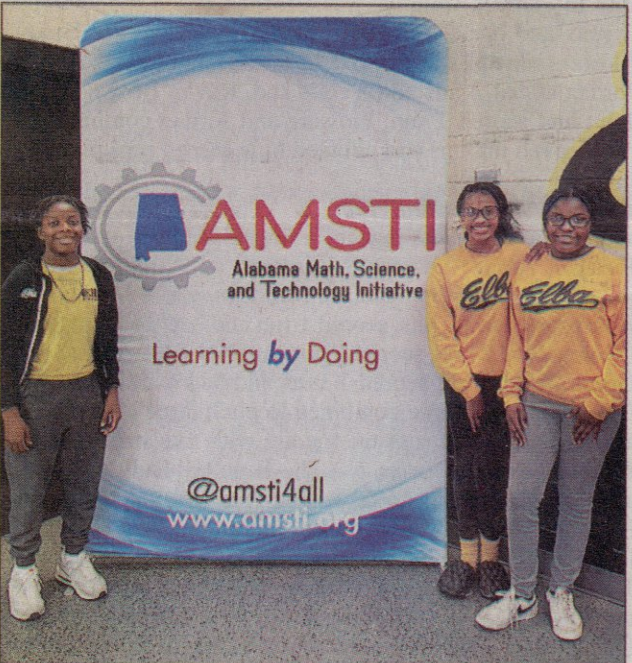
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Above: These students are shown participating in a lab experiment during last weekend’s science event held at Elba High School. The school’s science labs provided the perfect setting for such experiments. Right: AMSTI leaders that coordinated last weekend’s tournament are pictured above with Elba High School assistant principal Marty Balkcom (right). The AMSTI team said Elba was a great host for the event!



Several Elba students served as volunteers during the AMSTI Science Olympiad last weekend. The students enjoyed seeing all the different demonstrations and experiments as they helped make sure background details were taken care of to help ensure a smooth-run event. The weekend prior more Elba students helped clean-up around the school campus to make sure last weekend’s visitors were welcomed by a finely-tuned campus.

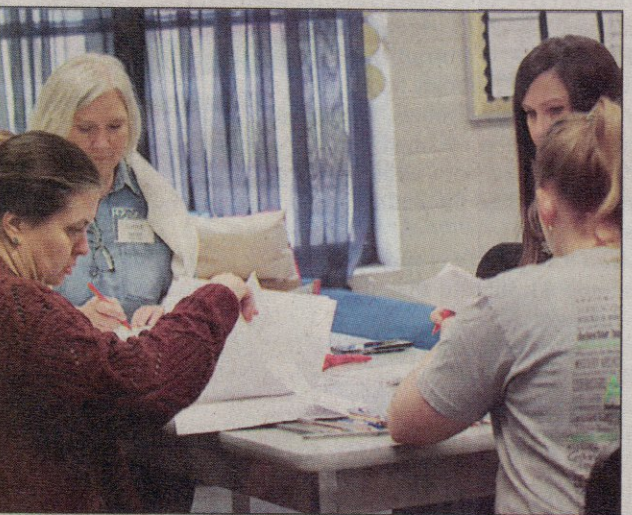


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This AMSTI team is shown “grading papers” during the tournament last weekend. There were several different parts to the event and competitors taking written exams that required grading was just one part of the overall.

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